

APPENDIX II

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory-Nomination Form
for the
W.M. Hawthorn Farmstead
7NC-E-46**

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic W. M. Hawthorn Farmstead 7NC-E-46 (Historic Component Only)

and/or common

2. Location

both the north and south sides of New Churchmans Road (County
street & number Road 339) 1350' west of Delaware Route 7 X not for publicationcity, town Christiana XX vicinity of

state Delaware code 10 county New Castle code 002

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use | |
|--|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> district | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input type="checkbox"/> occupied | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> museum |
| <input type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> private | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress | <input type="checkbox"/> educational | <input type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> religious |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | <input type="checkbox"/> in process | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: Fallow |

4. Owner of Property

name Delaware Department of Transportation

street & number P. O. Box 778

city, town Dover vicinity of state Delaware 19903

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. New Castle Recorder of Deeds

street & number City/County Building, 800 French Street

city, town Wilmington state Delaware

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Phase I & II Cultural Resource Surveys
title of the Proposed Dualization has this property been determined eligible? X yes no
of New Churchmans Road, Christiana, New Castle County, DE
date 1983 O'Connor et al federal X state county local

depository for survey records Bureau of Archeology and Historic Preservation

city, town Dover 206 state Delaware 19903

7. Description

| Condition | | Check one | Check one |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> altered | <input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unexposed | | |

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The W. M. Hawthorn Farmstead is a historic farmstead situated on New Churchmans Road approximately one-third mile west of Delaware Route 7 and two-thirds miles east of Delaware Route 4 (see Figure 1, USGS Quad map). It is a mid-19th century farmstead which appears (as one of numerous farmsteads in the area) on Beer's Atlas of Delaware (1868) and contains a currently undefined late 18th century occupation. Centered around a now-demolished, probably mid-10th century residences structure, the site includes: 1) a brick lined (probable) drain between the house rubble and New Churchmans Road (Photo 5); 2) a 20'x40' above ground cement barn or stable foundation approximately 150' south/southeast of the rubble (Photo 6); 3) a brick-lined subsurface feature (probably a cistern) approximately 250' south of the rubble (Photo 7); 4) a subsurface stone foundation and nearby mortar capped feature located northwest of the rubble (Photo 8, 9); and 5) a deteriorating stone Springhouse located approximately 25' northeast of the rubble and across New Churchmans Road (Photo 10) (see Figure 2).

Encompassing the site today is natural vegetative overgrowth which in turn is surrounded by well drained farmland (Photo 1); except for the overgrowth and demolition and deterioration of above ground structures the site probably looks much the same as it did during its active periods of occupation (Photo 2,3). The boundaries of the site, determined by the disjunction between vegetative overgrowth and fallow agricultural fields on the south side of the road and by the property's boundary and arbitrarily on the north side of the road, are: beginning 1100' west of the center of Delaware Route 7, heading S39°W 420', thence N72°30'W 45', thence N16°30'W 440' to a property corner, thence across New Churchmans Road with the former property line of the site N57°E 250', thence paralleling the road S70°15'E 295', thence at a right angle S19°45'W 150' to the place of beginning in the centerline of New Churchmans Road (Figure 2, Photo 1).

The site is located in a region of very early settlement in northern Delaware. Archival research suggests that it may be situated on a tract of land originally patented in 1672. The site is located about one-and-one-half miles north of the village of Christiana (a National Register District), a 17th century town which was an important portage point to the Chesapeake Bay into the 19th century. Two 18th century towns are also located near the site: Ogletown about two miles west, and Stanton about two-and-one-half miles northeast. The farmstead lies in an area of extensive cultural activity and specifically appears on an 1868 map, although a deed trace on the site has been unsuccessful prior to 1872. Although the area has overall remained agricultural in its cultural activity, it is currently a region of extensive commercial and public development.

A photograph taken of the farmstead circa 1960 (Photo 2) while the house and barn/stable were still standing indicates that the house was of a vernacular architectural style common to the Mid-Atlantic region throughout the 19th century. It appears to be two rooms deep, two rooms wide with a central hallway between them, and two stories high with a low pitched roof, wide front porch, internal gable-end chimneys, and a raised basement. The only disruptions to the site are the minimal disturbance resulting from the overgrowth of vegetation since the end of the site's active occupation (post 1969, see Photo 3), the demolition of the house and deterioration/demolition of out structures, and the 1955 construction of New Churchmans Road which separated the Springhouse from the rest of the site and entailed the demolition of at least a chickenhouse.

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Prior to the 1981 archaeological testing at the site, no previous archaeological work had been conducted at it. In compliance with Section 106 of the 1966 Historic Preservation Act the Delaware Department of Transportation conducted a survey of New Churchmans Road as part of planning for the widening of that road. Surface reconnaissance was conducted along the entire corridor and subsurface testing consisted of 47 shovel/auger tests excavations and 10 test square excavations in the 0.9 mile long corridor (aside from those described below which were located at the Hawthorn Farmstead). The site was located during the survey, and testing at it was conducted consisting of: four (4) test squares and a trench in the immediate vicinity of the house rubble, surface clearing of and a trench excavation across the stone foundation, and three (3) test squares in the lower, level area northwest of the house rubble (Figure 2). Excavations at the brick foundation/cellar hold of the house (extending about 3.7' below the present ground surface) recovered household ceramics, bottle and window glass, metal, and building construction fragments dating to the mid-19th and 20th century, as well as undatable bone, and a few late 18th/early 19th century nails (Photos 14, 15, 16, and 17). Immediately exterior to the rubble pile, subsoil devoid of cultural artifacts was reached less than 0.5' below the present ground surface (Photos 6, 12, 13). Excavated from the drain, extending approximately 4.0' below the ground surface, were architectural and household items (ceramic and glass) of the 19th and 20th centuries. Excavations in the lower, level area recovered late-18th and early 19th century household ceramics, bottle glass, and nails and other metal fragments (Photos 14, 15, 16, 17). Although most structures contained within the site have been disturbed or destroyed above the current ground surface, the subsurface integrity of the site appears to be excellent and should provide data of excellent reliability for interpretation.

8. Significance

| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> prehistoric | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric | community planning | landscape architecture | religion |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899 | commerce | exploration settlement | philosophy | theater |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900– | communications | industry | politics government | transportation |
| | | invention | | other (specify) |

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The significance of the Hawthorn Farmstead lies in the fact that no similar farmsteads in the region have been excavated and reported on for comparative purposes related to artifact patterning or distribution. Because archival investigations on the site have provided no information of utility in studying the Farmstead, archaeological investigations must be relied upon. Survey results have located one area of late-18th/early-19th century artifact concentration at the site distinct from the late 19th and 20th century artifacts recovered elsewhere at the site, possibly indicating two separate occupations versus a continuous occupation. The site has been shown to be archaeologically undisturbed (except by the construction of New Churchmans Road which disturbed only the area under and immediately adjacent to the road) and hence can be expected to contain a full complement of recoverable data on its entire period(s) of occupation. Specifically, because of the separate, undisturbed areas of cultural materials dating to differing periods of occupation of the site, it probably retains information concerning the variation in spacial utilization of a farmstead in the surrounds of the residence structure from the late-18th century through the mid-20th century. Hence this site provides the research opportunity to gain a better understanding of the changing lifeways of the Delaware farmer through time as well as a comparative base for future excavations at other similar sites.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Beer's Atlas of Delaware (1868)

- 1983 O'Connor, Jim, et.al. Phase I & II Cultural Resource Surveys of the Proposed Dualization New Churchmans Road,
1981 Wagner, D.P., Personal Communication on Soils Analysis at the Hawthorn Site (1982).
Sources on file at the Delaware Dept. of Transportation, Dover, DE

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property Approximately 8.5

Quadrangle name Newark East

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References 7.5 Minute Quadrangle Map

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The site is bounded by agricultural fields on the south side of New Churchmans Road and by a portion of a property line and arbitrarily on the north side of the road as shown on the accompanying map (Figure 2).

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

| state | code | county | code |
|----------------|------|--------|------|
| Not applicable | | | |

| state | code | county | code |
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11. Form Prepared By

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street & number P. O. Box 778 telephone (302) 736-4642

city or town Dover state Delaware 19903

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

☐ national ☒ state ☐ local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____ date _____

For NPS use only

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

date _____

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

Chief of Registration

date _____